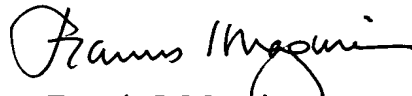


REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is submitted for the purpose of claiming the benefit of the priority International Application Number PCT/IB2002/005563.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis J. Maguire". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Francis" being more legible than the last name "Maguire".

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